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Applicant : Daniel Yellin et al.

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 16, 2005

In reply to the Final Office Action of November 16, 2005, Applicant submits the following remarks.

Claims 1-22 are pending. Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that claims 7, 8, 14, 15, 20 and 21 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 16-18 and 22, however, were rejected for failing to comply with the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. 112. In particular, the Office action alleges claim 16 is a single means claim. Applicant disagrees with this rejection and respectfully requests reconsideration.

The principle articulated by *In re Hyatt* as cited by the Examiner is applicable only to a claim that includes a single limitation expressed in means-plus-function language. That is not the case here. First, the cited claim does not recite the structural term "means" but instead recites "An article comprising *a computer-readable medium*." Second, the term "computer-readable medium" has a well-known meaning to persons of ordinary skill in the art and is not a "coined term lacking a clear meaning." *See Personalized Media Communications LLC v. ITC*, 161 F.3d 696, 704 (Fed. Cir. 1998) (discussing the term "digital detector"). Although the term "computer-readable medium" may not specifically evoke a particular structure, it does convey to a person knowledgeable in the art a variety of structures known as "computer-readable media." That

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